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Ms. Beth O'Donnell Executive Director Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard P. O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602

Re:

Petition to Establish Generic Docket to Consider Amendments to Interconnection Agreements Resulting from Changes of Law KPSC 2004-00427

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") submits this letter to provide the Commission with an update of further recent activity in other generic change of law cases.

On March 2, 2006, the Florida Public Service Commission issued its written order in Docket No. 041269-TP, its generic change of law proceeding. The Florida Commission voted on February 28, 2006 to adopt the recommendation of its staff vacating certain issues "in an abundance of caution" to address an isolated instance of misconduct by a (now former) Florida Commission employee. Consistent with the Florida Commission's February 28, 2006 vote, the written order does not address certain issues, which the Florida Commission will address in a further order. Florida Order, p. 11. Significantly, however, the Florida Commission squarely addressed Section 271 of the Act, making clear that "the inclusion of § 271 elements in a § 252 interconnection agreements would be contrary to both the plain language of §§ 251 and 252 and the regulatory regime set forth by the FCC in the TRO and the TRRO." Florida Order, p. 53. A copy of this most recent Florida Commission Order is attached to this letter.

Concerning certain transition issues, the Florida Order requires CLECs to identify their embedded base of services that require transition due to the *TRRO* by March 10, 2006. If CLECs fail to do so, BellSouth shall be permitted to identify such arrangements itself, charge CLECs the applicable UNE disconnect charges and full installation charges, and charge CLECs the resale or wholesale tariffed rate thereafter, regardless of when the conversion is completed. Florida Order, p. 23. Moreover, the Florida Commission found:

access at transitional rates ends on March 10, 2006, or September 10, 2006, as applicable, whether or not the circuits have been converted. Thereafter, BellSouth's applicable resale or tariffed rate applies. Additionally, we find that

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BellSouth shall be permitted to disconnect any stand-alone switching ports remaining on March 11, 2006. There should be no reason why CLECs cannot identify their embedded base and notify BellSouth whether to disconnect or convert to an alternative service or provider.

Florida Order, p. 21.

With respect to services that require transition due to the *TRO*, the Florida Order authorizes BellSouth to disconnect or convert such services after a 30 days written notice and absent a CLEC disconnection or conversion order. Florida Order, p. 66. On March 1, 2006, BellSouth posted a Revised Notice Letter on its CLEC website advising all Florida CLECs of BellSouth's implementation plans consistent with the Florida Commission's most recent Order. A copy of BellSouth's Revised Notice Letter dated March 1, 2006 concerning implementation of the Florida Order is attached to this letter.

The North Carolina decision issued on March 1, 2006 in Docket No. P-55, Sub 1549 is similar in certain aspects to the Florida order. BellSouth filed the March 1, 2006 North Carolina decision on March 2, 2006 in the above-referenced docket. Specifically, the North Carolina Commission found:

[i]f BellSouth is not physically able to work all of the [conversion or transition] orders because many of the scheduled dates are on or near the day after the end of the transition period, the orders should be delayed until they can be worked. However, BellSouth should be able to apply the billing for the alternative service to which the arrangements were scheduled to be converted as of March 11, 2006 for UNEs other than dark fiber loops and transport or September 11, 2006, for dark fiber loops and transport even in cases where the conversion order has not yet been completed.

North Carolina Order, p. 101.

With respect to stand-alone switching ports, the North Carolina Commission required BellSouth to provide notice to CLECs of such services (BellSouth believes that the more appropriate finding would require CLECs to notify BellSouth), however, when BellSouth provides such notice it can also advise CLECs that "services will be disconnected on the day after the end of the transition period."

BellSouth respectfully requests that the Commission adopt BellSouth's position on each of the issues in this matter. BellSouth also respectfully reminds the Commission that the last day

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of the transition periods specified in the *TRO* and memorialized in the federal rules for switching and high capacity loops and transport is next Friday, March 10, 2006. Accordingly, BellSouth respectfully requests that the Commission issue its ruling in this matter as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Dorothy J. Chambers

Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

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CERTIFICATION FOR 2004-00427

I hereby certify that the electronic version of this filing made with the Commission this 3rd day of March 2006 is a true and accurate copy of the documents filed herewith in paper form on March 3, 2006, and the electronic version of the filing has been transmitted to the Commission. An electronic copy of the Read1st document has been served electronically on parties.

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